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Painting Hacks

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Easy Clean-Up

Painting with acrylic, watercolor, or even alcohol ink can be messy. Place a puppy potty training pad over your work area, this will help absorb those "uh-oh" paint spills. When you're done with your project, simply throw it away.

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Am I Colorblind?

Are you working with acrylic paint and think your eyes are deceiving you? Well, don't worry your eyes are fine, acrylic paint will appear darker after it's dry. Try mixing your colors a shade or 2 lighter than you want for your painting.

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Don't Waste Paint!

Here's a great money-saving tip for saving that left over paint on your paint palette. Simply, place a damp paper towel over your paint palette and then cover with plastic wrap to keep the paint from drying out.

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DIY Rescue

Dotting tools come in handy for making beautiful mandala designs. In a pinch, you can make your own dotting tools by using bobbie pins, toothpicks, or pencil erasers. Really anything that has a point can be used as a dotting tool.

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Double-duty Tool

Your hairdryer can now be your favorite double-duty tool in your art box! Using a hairdryer on a low cool setting can speed up the paint dry time. No more "watching paint dry", now you can keep that artistic mojo flowing!

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Just Glue it!

Looking to start acrylic painting? That's great, it's a fun medium to explore. The acrylic pouring supplies can be expensive, so for beginners, try using PVA glue a.k.a. Elmer's Glue.

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Eye-Popping Art

Does your painting seem a little two dimensional to you? To give your painting some dimension try adding some white or a lighter shade of the color that you're wanted to add dimension to. This will make your painting POP!

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EBay Deals

Looking to score some awesome deals on art supplies? EBay is a great marketplace to search for art supplies sold in bulk sets. www.ebay.com

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Beginner Basics

If you a beginner, look into cheap art supplies. When you're learning and practicing new art, it's practical to use cheap supplies until you decide you're addicted and want to explore more in that art medium. Then you can upgrade your supplies to professional artist brands.

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Keep those old Brushes

Another money-saving hack that will keep your paintbrushes newer longer. Are your paintbrushes looking kinda ratty? Try washing your brushes with regular hair conditioner. Just like our hair, it conditions and provides moisture to the bristles making them last longer.